



MESSAGE

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# Our Atoning Advocate

## Sin Affects Our Fellowship With God (1:3, 6-10)

- A. We have entered into fellowship (communion, or joint participation) with God (v. 3)
- B. Our sin affects our fellowship (communion, or joint participation) with God (vv. 6-10)
  - 1. Self-deception
  - 2. Denial of sin
- C. How do we maintain our fellowship (communion, or joint participation) with God? (vv. 7b, 9)
- D. What maintaining fellowship with God is not:
  - 1. Penance
  - 2. Tipping the scales from bad to good
  - 3. Praying to the saints

## Believers Understanding Rightly God's Provision (2:1-2)

- A. Believers are the focus of John's words (2:1a)
- B. An admonition not to sin (2:1a)
- C. If anyone does sin (2:1b)

## God's three-fold provision (2:1c-2)

- A. Jesus Christ the Advocate
  - 1. Advocate with the Father
  - 2. 'We have'
- B. Jesus Christ the righteous one
- C. Jesus Christ the atoning sacrifice for our sins
  - 1. An expression of God's love (1 Jn. 4:10; Jn. 3:16)

2. Sacrifice for sin is not in John's Gospel
3. The death of Christ in John's Gospel points to his exaltation & giving us eternal life
4. For the sins of the whole world (1 Jn. 4:14-15)